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"AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES."

- 1 Strike sections 4 and 5 in their entirety and insert the following in
- 2 lieu thereof:
- 3 "Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 25-32 of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 5 (d) The commissioner may grant a permit for (1) the sale of class I or
- 6 II land to another water company, to a state agency or to a
- 7 municipality, or (2) the sale of class II land or the sale or assignment of
- 8 <u>a conservation restriction or a public access easement on class I or class</u>
- 9 II land to a private, nonprofit land-holding conservation organization
- 10 if the purchasing entity agrees to maintain the land subject to the
- 11 provisions of this section, any regulations adopted pursuant to this
- 12 section and the terms of any permit issued pursuant to this section.
- 13 Such purchasing entity or assignee may not sell, lease [,] or assign any
- 14 such land or conservation restriction or public access easement or sell,
- 15 <u>lease</u>, assign or change the use of such land without obtaining a permit

- 16 pursuant to this section.
- 17 Sec. 5. The regulations promulgated by the federal Environmental
- 18 Protection Agency as of January 1, 2001, that implement Subtitle C of
- 19 the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 USC 6901 et
- 20 seq. shall replace the regulations promulgated pursuant to chapters
- 21 445, 446d and 446k of the general statutes that pertain to the regulation
- of hazardous wastes unless, prior to January 1, 2002, the Commissioner
- 23 of Environmental Protection has issued a public notice of intent to
- 24 adopt such federal regulations and such regulations are submitted to
- 25 the Secretary of the State, as provided under chapter 54 of the general
- 26 statutes, no later than June 30, 2002."
- 27 After line 238, insert the following:
- 28 "Sec. 8. Subdivision (26) of section 16-1 of the general statutes is
- 29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 30 (26) "Class I renewable energy source" means energy derived from
- 31 solar power, wind power, a fuel cell, methane gas from landfills, or a
- 32 biomass facility, including, but not limited to, a biomass gasification
- 33 plant that utilizes land clearing debris, tree stumps or other biomass
- 34 that regenerates or the use of which will not result in a depletion of
- 35 <u>resources,</u> provided such facility begins operating on or after July 1,
- 36 1998, and such biomass is cultivated and harvested in a sustainable
- 37 manner.
- 38 Sec. 9. Subdivision (24) of section 22a-207 of the general statutes is
- 39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 40 (24) "Wood-burning facility" means a facility as defined in section
- 41 16-50i whose principal function is energy recovery from wood for
- 42 commercial purposes. "Wood-burning facility" does not mean a
- 43 biomass gasification plant that utilizes land clearing debris, tree
- 44 stumps or other biomass that regenerates or the use of which will not
- 45 <u>result in a depletion of resources.</u>

Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 7-131g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may make grants under the open space and watershed land acquisition program to: (1) Municipalities for acquisition of land for open space under subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 7-131d in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the fair market value of a parcel of land or interest in land proposed to be acquired; (2) municipalities for acquisition of land for class I and class II water supply protection under subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed sixty-five per cent of such value; (3) nonprofit land conservation organizations for acquisition of land for open space or watershed protection under subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of such value; (4) water companies for acquisition of land under subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed forty per cent of such value provided if such a company proposes in a grant application that it intends to allow access to such land for recreational uses, such company shall seek approval of the Commissioner of Public Health for such access; and (5) distressed municipalities or targeted investment communities, as defined in section 32-9p, or, with the approval of the chief elected official or governing legislative body of such a municipality or community, to a nonprofit land conservation organization, for acquisition of land within that municipality or community, for open space under subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed sixtyfive per cent of such value or for performance of work in the restoration, enhancement or protection of resources in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the cost of such work. Applicants for grants under the program shall provide a copy of the application to the chairperson of the review board established under section 7-131e. The board shall provide comments to the commissioner on pending applications as it deems necessary.

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Sec. 11. Section 22-380h of the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 01-87, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

- (a) Any veterinarian licensed pursuant to section 20-199 may file with the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner, an application to become a participating veterinarian in the program.
- (b) In order to be certified by the commissioner as a participating veterinarian, the veterinarian shall: (1) Perform all spay and neuter surgical procedures in a veterinary hospital facility or mobile clinic equipped for such procedures located in this state that meets the standards set forth in regulations adopted by the commissioner, as provided in section 20-196; (2) make all records pertaining to care provided, work done and fees received for or in connection with the program available for inspection by the commissioner or the commissioner's [representative] designee; (3) maintain records in accordance with regulations adopted under section 19a-14; and (4) hold a currently valid license to practice veterinary medicine in this state issued by the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
- (c) Any licensed veterinarian of this state may be certified by the commissioner as a participating veterinarian unless the commissioner disqualifies such veterinarian. The commissioner may disqualify a veterinarian if such veterinarian has been found in violation of any provision of sections 22-380e to 22-380m, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any laws relating to the practice of veterinary medicine. Any veterinarian disqualified or otherwise denied participation in the program may appeal, within ten days of receipt of a notice of such disqualification or denial, to the commissioner who shall hold a hearing to consider such appeal, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
- (d) Complaints received by the commissioner or the commissioner's [representative] <u>designee</u> regarding services provided by participating veterinarians shall be referred to the Board of Veterinary Medicine of

- 112 the Department of Public Health.
- 113 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section

114 5 shall take effect July 1, 2002."